

## 2020-2021 school year plans for Park City Schools Draft edition

The Montana Office of Public Instruction has developed guidance for four possible scenarios that we will take into consideration for the upcoming school year along with other state and county mandates.

- Scenario 1: Buildings closed - all students in remote learning.
- Scenario 2: A limited number of students present in the school building(s), with remote learning occurring for students who are off-site.
- Scenario 3: Increased capacity/number of students in the building, limiting number of activities to allow for continued physical distancing, and continued remote learning for students who are off-site.
- Scenario 4: Near full capacity and full operations, continued vigilance in health and safety best practices, with remote learning for students who are off-site.

Currently we are in a situation where we are not to have more than 50 people in a specific area. Schools are currently exempt from state orders on wearing masks, although it is still strongly suggested to wear them. And we are asked to try to practice the 6 feet of social distancing. In order to accomplish these current state goals, we will need to start school in Scenario 3.

The basic tenets of Scenario 3 are that we will avoid large gatherings of over 50. Individuals who are vulnerable to COVID-19 should continue to stay home. Stagger passing times or other natural gathering times in a school. Continue to monitor for symptoms. Follow precautions that include wearing masks when necessary (with recommendation to wear when social distancing is not an option), frequent handwashing, and practice social distancing when possible (6 feet). Continue to do daily, multiple sanitizing and cleaning. And most importantly, stay home if sick.

Our plans are based on doing our best in a small facility where we know we can't socially distance our students in school. We can use other options provide as safe a learning environment as possible.

In order to accomplish the above goals, Park City Schools will do the following on a five day schedule:

1. Grades K-5 will function within their classrooms as much as possible. That means the students will stay in the room while teachers for library, music, art, etc. will come to the classroom. PE and recess will likely be modified but will still happen so that students have their needed activity time. Meals will be brought to the classroom.
2. Grades 6-12 will follow their schedule, however release times from classes will vary by grade to limit the number of students in the hall at any given time. Students will not use lockers, but will carry their belongings with them in their backpacks. Classes like PE will be outside as much as possible (locker rooms will not be used so alternative dress out plans will be developed). As much spacing as possible will be developed in classes like band. But with a small school and increasing enrollment, it will not always be possible to observe the six foot social distancing.
3. For students who choose the homebound version of school this year, the classes would look similar to what they did last spring with a few changes. The K-3 grades would still likely use packets but with some more online components. Grades 4-5 would utilize Google Classroom with specific times for students to log in for core content. And grades 6-12 would utilize Google Classroom heavily with classes being more synchronous for

teacher provided lessons. That would mean that teachers would stream portions of their classes that students would be expected to participate in. Students in grades 9-12 also have the opportunity to take Montana Digital Learning Academy, Dual Credit and other classes online, which would help limit the number of students in the building

4. Transportation would continue normally at this point, possibly with another bus on the Yellowstone Bluff's route. We have ordered and will install plastic drapes for each seat. It will allow students to sit one to a seat (or more if in the same household). Masks will be required on buses.
5. Sports will continue with some key precautions set forth by MHSA. That information will be provided on our website..
6. Cleaning will be a top priority. The district has the cleaning materials developed to sanitize for these types of situations. We will explore any new product that may work better. There will be a defined cleaning plan that will be reviewed regularly by administration.

#### Daily Expectations:

1. If symptomatic, STAY HOME. If needed, get tested. If positive for COVID-19 or directly exposed, please let the school know and quarantine for the recommended amount of time.
2. When coming to school, students and staff will have temperatures taken. Any temperature above 100 degrees Fahrenheit will be sent home. Parents will be notified and where necessary required to come get their child. Students who are symptomatic or sick will wait for parents in the front area of the school across from the front office. This area will be cleaned as soon as it is cleared. Students will go to their first period class and not congregate in halls. Breakfast will be delivered to first period classes or may be served as a grab and go.
3. Masks. Students will be required to wear masks on buses. Students need to wear masks as they move through the halls of the school as it is nearly impossible to socially distance 6 feet from each other. Whenever students can't practice the recommended social distancing in classrooms, they should be wearing masks. Students in grades K-5 will not be required to wear a mask as they will remain within their small groups for the entire day. Teachers will need to wear masks any time they cannot practice social distancing.
4. Lunch. Meals will be served in the classroom to grades K-5. Grade 6 will eat in the cafeteria practicing social distancing. 7-12 may eat in the cafeteria, but due to social distancing rules, there will be a limited number of seats. Students will be able to eat in designated classrooms or other areas of the school.
5. Recess. Recesses will be staggered to limit the number of students on the playground at any given time. Students will also be allowed to go to the football field with a staff member for recess time.
6. Homebound. Because of the extra work required with providing homebound, and to prevent students from bouncing in and out of school, we will ask students to make a semester commitment by August 12. There will be a form online under the student registration materials tab on the website or at the school office. It will need to be submitted by August 12 if you plan to keep your student home this semester. Students in the building who get sick during the semester do not need to fill out that form.
7. Cleaning. The school will be cleaned daily after school. A schedule for this will be reviewed and adjusted weekly. There will also be periodic cleaning of common areas within the school throughout the day.
8. Visitors. In order to limit cross contamination, it is best to keep any visits to the building to a minimum. We ask that if parents need to visit the school they call first. We won't be

utilizing parent volunteers in the facilities during this pandemic. Meetings may be held via Zoom or Google Meet when necessary.

9. Positive Tests. If a student tests positive for COVID-19 and has been in the school, we would notify parents. Students who would have been traced to close contact would be notified of quarantine requirements. The school would work with Stillwater County Health in this situation. Because of the smallness of our facility, it could move us into Scenario 2 (above).

This is going to be a working document. This pandemic is a very dynamic and unstable thing that can change school plans at a moment's notice. We will utilize our community's input, staff input, and Board input as much as possible in making plans and changes.

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